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## **VIA E-FILING**

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of 1-800 Reconex, Incorporated d/b/a USTel (FKA: Sterling International Funding, Incorporated d/b/a Reconex) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services throughout the State of South —

Docket No. 1997-280-C

And

Application of 1-800-Reconex, Incorporated d/b/a USTel for a Certificate of Authority to Operate as A Reseller of Long Distance Telecommunication Services within the State Of South Carolina – **Docket No. 2000-543-C** 

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is in receipt of correspondence from 1-800-Reconex Inc. d/b/a U.S. Tel ("U.S. Tel") notifying ORS that it has ceased operations in South Carolina. Accordingly, ORS requests that U.S. Tel's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be cancelled. (See attached letter dated June 3, 2009).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and should you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at (803) 737-0575.

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Respectfully submitted,

Nanette S. Edwards

cc: William E. Braun, Special Counsel

## 1-800-RECONEX

Because Everybody Needs A Phoppoint OF REGULATORY

June 3, 2009

Office of Regulatory Staff Attn: Robert Sutherland 1401 Main St, Ste 900 Columbia, SC 29201

Re: 1-800-Reconex, Inc., d/b/a U.S. Tel

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am the former Vice-President & General Counsel of 1-800-Reconex, Inc., d/b/a U.S. Tel (Reconex). I now handle special projects for the company in the role of Special Counsel – I am writing to you in that capacity.

As a result of adverse financial conditions, Reconex has ceased operations and will completely cease doing business, having no remaining employees no later than June 5, 2009. The assets of Reconex are being returned to leasing companies, or being liquidated, with the proceeds going to secured creditors. As a result of the amount of secured debt, and the relatively small value of Reconex's assets, we do not anticipate any further distribution of funds to entities other than these secured creditors, in truth, the value of the assets will not begin to cover the secured debt. Because there are no other assets to protect, we will not defend any lawsuits brought against Reconex and we will simply let Reconex be involuntary dissolved by the State of Oregon Corporation Commissioner at the annual renewal time.

My client is sorry for the inconvenience this may cause you and requests that you take whatever actions necessary to write-off any balances that may be due and to remove the company from your systems.

Very truly yours,

William, E. Braun Special Counsel